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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS CSCE BASKET TWO GOALS

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1. SUMMARY. CONTINUING SERIES OF APPARENTLY AUTHORITATIVE ARTICLES IN GOR PRESS OUTLINING OFFICIAL POSITIONS ON CSCE FINAL ACT, AND TWO IMPORTANT BASKET TWO COMMENTARIES WERE PUBLISHED DURING FEBRUARY. ARTICLES NOTE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS TO OVERALL EUROPEAN SECURITY, INSIST ON REMOVAL OF "DISCRIMINATORY" TRADE BARRIERS, AND CITE ROMANIAN RECORD IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION FIELD.

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END SUMMARY.

2. MFA CSCE EXPERTS REFERRED EMBOFF TO APPARENTLY AUTHORITATIVE EDITORIAL IN ROMANIA LIBERA (FEB 14), CALLING FINAL ACT'S ECONOMIC PROVISIONS "REFERENCE DOCUMENT" AND "MANDATE FOR ACTION". CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION "IN SPIRIT AND SUBSTANCE", ARTICLE

URGED "ELIMINATION OF OLD ECONOMIC RELATIONS", GENERALIZATION OF MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT, AND GREATER ATTENTION TO LEAST DEVELOPED NATIONS. BROADENING OF TRADE RELATIONS AND COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENT, PROTECTION, TRANSPORT, AGRICULTURE, TOURISM, AND SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL FIELDS WERE EMPHASIZED. ARTICLE CITED GOR ACHIEVEMENTS IN IMPLEMENTATION, SPECIFICALLY EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF ECONOMIC EXCHANGES AS WELL AS EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE BALKAN COOPERATION. GOR GAVE SPECIAL ROLE OF ECE IN OVERCOMING DIVISION OF EUROPE INTO BLOCS AND IN FACILITATING "PAN-EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS" TO PRESSING ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, EVEN THOUGH ROMANIANS HAVE BEEN PRIVATELY CRITICAL OF ECE AS BLOC-DOMINATED BODY.

3. LUMEA ARTICLE (FEB 17) PENNED BY CONSTANTIN NITA, ONE OF CSCE EXPERTS MENTIONED ABOVE, RE-EMPHASIZED SAME THEMES IN CONTEXT OF "TOTAL IMPLEMENTATION" OF CSCE PROVISIONS. CITING CONVENTIONS WHICH GOR HAS CONCLUDED FOR GUARANTEEING INVESTMENTS AND FOR AVOIDING DOUBLE TAXATION, ARTICLE GAVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS TO THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO LESS DEVELOPED NATIONS. ACCORDING TO GOR, FINAL ACT SEEKS TO ASSURE ALL COUNTRIES ACCESS TO MOST MODERN SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL ADVANCES, AND DISCRIMINATORY BARRIERS WHICH IMPEDE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND KNOWLEDGE SHOULD THEREFORE BE ELIMINATED. LUMEA ARTICLE FURTHER NOTED THAT "SUCCESSFUL" PRECEDENT OF BALKAN COOPERATION MIGHT

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ALSO BE EXPANDED TO MEDITERRANEAN AND BALTIc SEA SUBREGIONS.

4. COMMENT: ANTICIPATING THEMES TO BE EMPHASIZED BY GOR DURING PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO BELGRADE CON-VOCATION, ARTICLES SET FORTH BASKET TWO ARGUMENTS WE CAN EXPECT TO HEAR FROM MFA MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS CHIEF VALENTIN LIPATTI DURING EXPECTED U.S. VISIT THIS SPRING (REFS A & B). MOST IMPORTANT ARE USE OF MULTILATERAL VEHICLES TO BRIDGE EAST-WEST DICHOTOMY--I.E., ECE AND EUROPEAN SUBREGIONAL COOPERATION--AND ULTIMATE GOAL OF TECHNOLOGY OF ARTIFICIAL AND DISCRIMINATORY TRADE BARRIERS. ARTICLES ALSO SEEK TO DOCUMENT FOR BELGRADE'S EDIFICATION ROMANIA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN BASKET TWO IMPLEMENTATION. CONSPICUOUS BY ITS ABSENCE IS ANY EXPRESSION OF SUPPORT FOR SOVIET-PROPOSED ENERGY CONFERENCE. OF ADDITIONAL INTEREST IS THAT BOTH ARTICLES VIEWED BASKET TWO IMPLEMENTATION AS CRUCIAL TO ATTAINMENT OF EUROPEAN PEACE AND

SECURITY, BUT MADE NO MENTION WHATSOEVER OF
BASKET THREE, WHICH WAS HIGHLY CRITICIZED TOPIC
OF OPENING ROUND IN PRESS CAMPAIGN (REF C).
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